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# CARICATURE

**I** GUESS I SHOULD START OFF BY INTRODUCING MYSELF -- MY NAME IS MAL ROSEN. I GAVE MY DRAWINGS "MAL" ... I'M 39, DIVORCED, NO KIDS. I'VE ALWAYS BEEN INVOLVED IN ART AND ABOUT SIX YEARS AGO I STARTED TO REALLY GET INTO CARICATURE...



WHEN I WAS A KID MY MOM USED TO SAY "WHY DO YOU MAKE PEOPLE SO UGLY?" NOW THAT'S HOW I MAKE MY LIVING! I'VE BEEN DOING THE ART FESTIVAL / COUNTRY AND COUNTRY FOR TWO YEARS NOW. NON-STOP (BEFORE THAT I WORKED IN A SMALL GRAPHICS STUDIO FOR TEN YEARS). I'M NOT GETTING RICH (YET!) BUT I LOVE THE FREEDOM...



**I** DON'T REALLY HAVE A HOME ANYMORE (UNLESS YOU COUNT MOTEL 6) ... MY MOM'S STILL ALIVE BUT SHE LIVES IN A NURSING HOME. I FEEL BAD THAT I NEVER GET TO SEE HER (SHE MAKES SURE OF THAT!) BUT I CAN'T AFFORD TO STOP WORKING, RIGHT NOW...



**I**N SCHOOL I WAS A SOBRIETY, QUIET KID SO I STAYED AT HOME A LOT AND WORKED ON MY ART... AFTER A WHILE IT PAID OFF AND KIDS STARTED ASKING ME TO DO FUNNY DRAWINGS OF THE TEACHERS AND STUFF... THAT'S HOW IT ALL BEGAN...



TODAY IS DAY ONE (OF FIVE) OF THE TWIN LAKES CRAFT FESTIVAL. I SET UP EARLY BUT THERE WASN'T MUCH OF A CROWD SO I TOOK A WALK AROUND TO SEE WHO WAS THERE...

I SAT DOWN IN THE AFTERNOON AND DREW A FEW CUSTOMERS... I TALKED THIS PAIR INTO A DOUBLE...



YOU CAN LEARN A LOT ABOUT PEOPLE BY STUDYING THEIR FACES... LIKE THIS GUY HERE IS THE HAPPY-GO-LUCKY TYPE, BUT HIS WIFE LOOKS LIKE SHE'S HAD A HARD LIFE...



MAKE ME LOOK BETTER!

I'M AN ARTIST, NOT A DOCTOR!

THAT LINE USUALLY GETS A LAUGH...

BING ON THE ROAD ALL THE TIME I FIND MYSELF LONGING FOR FEMALE COMPANIONSHIP AND I HAVE TO WATCH WHAT I SAY TO THE PRETTY LADIES SO I DON'T APPEAR TOO FLIRTATIOUS...



I CAN CUT THIS OUT IF THIS EVER GETS PRINTED, BUT SOMETIMES WHEN I'M DRAWING THEM, I IMAGINE WE'RE HAVING SEX...



THE MAIN RULE YOU HAVE TO LEARN AS A CARICATURIST IS VERY SIMPLE AND BASIC: FLATTER THE CUSTOMER...



YOU'RE A VERY TALENTED YOUNG MAN!

YOU PRETEND TO EXAGGERATE THEIR FAULTS, BUT REALLY YOU DO ANYTHING BUT...

ONCE, A RATHER LARGE WOMAN PAID FOR HER DRAWING AND THEN PROCEEDED TO RIP IT UP INTO LITTLE PIECES RIGHT THERE IN FRONT OF ME! I WANTED TO CRY!



THE PEOPLE STANDING AROUND SAID IT LOOKED JUST LIKE HER... TOO MUCH, I SUPPOSE...

WHAT ELSE DO YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ME? I'M AN OLD MOVIE BUFF; I LIKE MUSICALS AND MELODRAMAS... I GUESS I'M A ROMANTIC AT HEART. WHAT ELSE? I LIKE ROCK (SOFT) AND COUNTRY MUSIC...



BE NICE!

TWIN LAKES, DAY 2: I WAS WORRIED THAT TODAY WOULD BE AS SLOW AS YESTERDAY (ONLY EIGHT PAYING CUSTOMERS!)... ALMOST WEEKENDS ARE TOO PRECIOUS TO WASTE!



IT'S FUNNY... ONCE YOU START MAKING MONEY WITH YOUR ART YOU REALIZE HOW IMPORTANT IT IS... I WOULD NEVER ADMIT IT BUT I GUESS DEEP DOWN I WANT TO BE RICH AND FAMOUS AND LOVED BY ALL THE BEAUTIFUL WOMEN...



BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THAT'S JUST THE KIND OF GUY I WAS THINKING ABOUT THIS AFTERNOON WHEN I HEARD THIS (IMAGINE A GOSPELY TEENAGE GIRL VOICE):



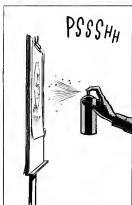
SHE WAS NO PRIZE... BATTY 'PUNK' HAIR-DO, SECOND HAND CLOTHES... JUST ANFUL! BUT WHAT CAN I SAY? HER TASTE WAS IMPECCABLE!



THEY WATCHED ME FOR A FEW JOBS... BELIEVE ME, MY HEAD WAS GROWING BIGGER BY THE MINUTE OVER WHAT SHE SAID.



ANOTHER IMPORTANT THING IS YOU HAVE TO BE FAST. MOST PEOPLE CAN'T SIT STILL FOR MORE THAN FIVE MINUTES, AND IF YOU TAKE LONGER YOU'RE LIABLE TO LOUSE IT UP ANYWAY...



THE REASON I'M KEEPING THIS DIARY, OR WHATEVER IT IS, IS BECAUSE THERE AREN'T THAT MANY OF US AROUND WHO KNOW THE ROSES OF CARICATURE... I'D LOVE TO DO A BIG "HOW-TO" COFFEE TABLE BOOK SOMEDAY...



NINETY PERCENT OF ARTISTS ARE AMATEURS. YOU HAVE TO KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING TO MAKE A LIVING AT IT. MAYBE READING ABOUT MY LIFE WILL HELP INSPIRE SOMEBODY... (MAYBE NOT)



TWIN LAKES, DAY 3: IT RAINED ALL DAY SO I SLEPT IN. I WALKED OVER TO THE BOOTH IN THE AFTERNOON, BUT THEY HAD CLOSED THE FAIR AROUND NOON, I GUESS...

DAY 4: ANOTHER GLOOMY DAY... IT DRIZZLED ALL MORNING BUT I WENT OVER AND SAT THERE ANYWAY...

IT CLEARED UP AFTER LUNCH AND I STARTED TO GET A FEW PEOPLE...



BY LATE AFTERNOON, THE PLACE WAS PACKED AND I STARTED TO GET MORE BUSINESS THAN I COULD HANDLE...

I STARTED CUTTING CORNERS A LITTLE, TRYING TO GET EVERYBODY IN... I DID A FEW DRAWINGS IN LESS THAN TWO MINUTES! I GUESS I WAS GETTING A BIT GREEDY, BUT REALLY I FIGURED THIS MIGHT BE MY ONLY CHANCE TO CASH IN...

AFTER THREE HOURS, MY HAND STARTED TO BLEED AND I TOOK A BREAK. IT'S ONE OF THE HAZARDS OF THE TRADE--YOUR PINKY RUBS AGAINST THE ROUGH PAPER. (TIP: DON'T FORGET THE BAND-AIDS!)



ANOTHER THING I SHOULD STRESS AT THIS POINT IS THAT DRAWING TAKES TOTAL CONCENTRATION. I SAW THIS BECAUSE TODAY A COUPLE WAS SCREAMING AT EACH OTHER NOT TWENTY FEET BEHIND ME AND I DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE... FINALLY MY CUSTOMER STARTED LAUGHING AND I LOOKED UP. I COULDN'T SEE THE BOY, BUT THE SCREAMING GIRL APPEARED TO BE HEADED RIGHT FOR MY BOOTH.



IT WAS THAT SAME YOUNG LADY WHO CALLED ME A GENIUS (A WID AND GUNGLASSES THIS TIME - NO BLACK EYE)



I CAME ALL THE WAY OUT HERE AGAIN TO SEE IF I COULD BUY THIS PICTURE OF MISTER T FROM YOU -- I HAVE MONEY!

THAT ONE'S NOT FOR SALE...

...BUT I WANT TO MAKE YOU RICH!



I'M AN EXPERT ON OUTSIDER ART. BOTH MY PARENTS ARE WORLD-FAMOUS ARTISTS!

NO KIDDING-- DO THEY HAVE A BOOTH HERE?



OF COURSE NOT!

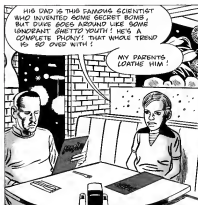
ANYWAY, I HARDLY EVER SEE THEM ANY MORE -- I'M TWENTY-TWO YEARS OLD!







THAT'S I BELIEVE, BECAUSE ALL AFTERNOON SHE GOT THERE STARING AND MAKING SMALL TALK, ASKING ME QUESTIONS AND STUFF... IT WAS GOOD FOR MY SOO TO HAVE A SMART YOUNG LADY TAKING SUCH AN INTEREST IN ME BUT, TO BE HONEST, SHE MADE ME A LITTLE NERVOUS...



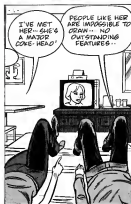


MOST PEOPLE JUST ENDURE WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY UNTIL IT'S TIME FOR THEM TO TALK, BUT THELMA MADE IT SEEM LIKE EVERYTHING I SAID HAD SOME DEEPER IMPORTANCE BEYOND WHAT I MEANT TO SAY. SHE HAD ME FEELING LIKE MAYBE I WAS A GENIUS.











# FLUSH

AND SO, AFTER ALL THAT, THERE SHE WAS—FLUSHING OVER AND OVER AGAIN; FOUR, FIVE, SIX TIMES (TRYING TO GET ME TO LOOK?). I WASN'T GOING TO FALL FOR IT.

# FLUSH FLUSH



I STAYED THERE IN THAT EXACT SPOT FOR A LONG TIME, TRYING NOT TO MOVE, OR EVEN BREATHE. I'M NOT SURE WHY. THE MORE I THOUGHT ABOUT IT, THE LESS NATURAL EACH BREATH BECAME.

I THOUGHT ABOUT THE DA. COULD SHE EVER FALL IN LOVE WITH ME? (HAD SHE ALREADY?) WHAT WOULD THAT BE LIKE?

I IMAGINED US DRIVING AROUND THE COUNTRY TOGETHER, REALLY LIVING IT UP. WHAT AN IDEA! WOULD SHE EVER GO FOR SOMETHING LIKE THAT? A FEW YEARS AGO I MIGHT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO BRING IT UP, BUT NOW I WASN'T SURE.



I STARTED TO THINK ABOUT THAT RIPPED-UP DRAWING AND WHAT A MISTAKE THAT HAD BEEN... AND THEN I THOUGHT OF ALL THE CUSTOMERS I HAD DRAWN AND HOW THEY ALL SEEMED LIKE THE SAME PERSON OVER AND OVER... AND THEN ABOUT HOW, DEEP DOWN, YOU KNOW WHEN SOMEONE IS TELLING THE TRUTH OR NOT.

DAY 5 (LAST DAY OF THE FND): THE DA AND I HAD BREAKFAST AT PABLO'S (CHEAP MEXICAN FOOD). YOU COULD TELL WE HAD BOTH SLEPT IN OUR CLOTHES.





✂ DON'T KNOW WHAT IT WAS WITH HER. I HESITATE TO CALL IT A GAME OR A JOKE BECAUSE IT MEANT MORE THAN THAT TO HER, BUT HOW WAS I SUPPOSED TO REACT TO SOMETHING LIKE THAT? (I DECIDED NOT TO).



✂ NOW I KNOW I SHOULD HAVE SEEN WHAT WAS HAPPENING. BUT MY MIND ONLY WORKS SO FAST. BESIDES, I HAD OTHER PROBLEMS...



✂ I WAS REALLY NOT IN THE MOOD FOR THIS, BUT I TRIED TO BE A 'PRO'... WHAT KIND OF PERSON TAKES A DEFORMED CHILD TO A CARICATURIST?

✂ I GAVE IT TO THEM FOR FREE (YOU SORT-OF HAVE TO, THOUGH USUALLY THEY INSIST ON PAYING)...

✂ MY HAND CAN'T TAKE SO MANY MORE CHOWS LIKE THIS.



✂ I WAS OKAY, I DIDN'T WANT MONEY FOR SOMETHING LIKE THAT, AND ANYWAY I GOT BLOOD ALL OVER THE DRAWING -- VERY UNPROFESSIONAL.





I WENT TO THE JOHN TO PUT ON SOME MORE BAND-AIDS BUT I WOUND UP DRAWING A PICTURE OF MYSELF IN THE MIRROR INSTEAD.



IT WAS THE FIRST SELF-PORTRAIT I REMEMBER EVER DRAWING AND I DIDN'T PULL ANY PUNCHES.



THERE WAS THAT DEPRESSING SUNDAY FEELING IN THE AIR. SOME VENDORS WERE ALREADY STARTING TO TEAR DOWN. SUDDENLY IT OCCURRED TO ME -- I CAN'T REMEMBER EXACTLY WHAT -- SOMETHING --



HEY NELLA - HAVE YOU SEEN A TEENAGE GIRL WITH PINNED-BACK BLOND HAIR AROUND HERE AT ALL?

CAN YOU BELIEVE I HAVEN'T SOLD ONE SINGLE PAINTING ALL WEEKEND? WHY DOESN'T ANYBODY LIKE WHAT I DO?

BACK AT THE BOOTH THERE WAS A SMALL CROWD WAITING MY PEOPLE.



MAKE ME LOOK BETTER!

I'M AN ARTIST, NOT A DOCTOR.

I WATCHED MY HAND MAKE A LARGE OVAL. IT WAS DRAWING BY ITSELF, BY REFLEX ALONE. THE MORE I THOUGHT ABOUT IT, THE MORE AWKWARD THE ACT OF DRAWING BECAME. THERE WAS A GENUINE STRUGGLE GOING ON HERE--



WHEN I FINISHED, I FELT NOTHING BUT RELIEF AND, I GUESS, A LITTLE TWINGE OF SADNESS--



IF YOU THINK I'M GOING TO PAY FOR THAT, YOU'RE CRAZY!



THAT'S NOT RIGHT, MAN-- THAT'S NOT RIGHT--

I WANTED TO GET A JUMP ON TRAFFIC SO I'D HAVE A CHANCE TO MAKE THE GARDENIA FESTIVAL BY TUESDAY. I STOPPED BY THE ROOM FOR A MINUTE TO SEE IF I'D FORGOTTEN ANYTHING.



WHEN I SAW THE MESSED-UP BED WE HADN'T SLEPT IN (NO MAID SERVICE ON SUNDAY?) I GOT HIT WITH A WAVE OF GRIEF... LIKE FINDING OUT SOMEONE JUST DIED. ALMOST...



I WONDERED WHY I PICKED A CAREER LIKE DRAWING CARICATURES IN THE FIRST PLACE. I GUESS I MUST HAVE KNOWN THAT THE ONLY WAY TO EVER MAKE IT AS AN ARTIST WAS TO LURE MY AUDIENCE TO STUPID PEOPLE.



THAT'S ONE THING ABOUT ART: NO MATTER HOW ASHAMED YOU ARE OF WHAT YOU'VE DONE, THERE'S ALWAYS TOMORROW.



FOR A SECOND I FELT LIKE MAYBE I SHOULD CALL MY MOTHER, BUT WHAT WOULD I SAY TO HER? ANYWAY, I'M STARTING TO THINK SHE MIGHT HAVE ALZHEIMER'S...



WHAT WAS I THINKING WITH THIS DIARY? I HONESTLY THOUGHT I WAS SOMETHING SPECIAL. I JUST NEEDED OTHER PEOPLE TO EXPLAIN WHY. CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT?



ANYWAY, IT WAS TIME TO GET GOING SO I ZIPPED UP MY COAT, BUT FOR SOME REASON I COULDN'T MOVE. ALL OF A SUDDEN, THINGS GOT DEADLY QUIET. THE ONLY SOUND I COULD HEAR WAS A BABY IN THE NEXT ROOM. OUTSIDE, THE CAR WAS LOADED AND RUNNING... ALL READY TO GO... BUT I JUST SAT THERE BREATHLESS, STARRING AHEAD AT MY SORRY REFLECTION.



END





ALSO, MY DAD SAYS HE ONLY BELIEVES IN THE IDEA OF REVOLUTION... HE SAYS IF THERE REALLY WAS A REVOLUTION, WE'D BE THE FIRST ONES THEY'D HAVE SHOT!... I DON'T REALLY GET WHY WE'RE SURPRISED TO WANT A REVOLUTION, ANYWAY...

I KNOW... CHECK OUT THE PERSONALS TO SEE IF ANY CUTE BOYS WROTE TO US...



OKAY... EWW. DID YOU NOTICE ALL THE WEIRD STUFF IN THIS MENU? LIKE "THE GARDEN OF SALAD"...

I KNOW! AND INSTEAD OF "DESSERT" IT SAYS "MIND-BENDERS"...

WHAT DOES THAT EVEN MEAN?



I WONDER IF WEIRD AL WROTE THIS...

IT'S HIS GIRL & THEY DON'T OXY-YI-YI...

THIS GONG SUCKS, TOO.



CAN I GET YOU LADIES ANYTHING ELSE, OR ARE YOU ALL SET?

LATER, I MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN ONE OF THOSE FAR-OUT "MIND-BENDERS"...

I SHORT?



EWW! LISTEN TO THIS: "BOGEY BEETS BACALL. I AM DWM 40-HIGH BAGER-GONGWRITER NON-SMOKE. YOU ARE FEM 30-40 NON-JUDGEMENTAL. LOVES: HONEY, PILLOW FIGHTS, MOONLIGHT SERENADES. BE MY MUSE."

I THINK THE KEY WORD IS "NON-JUDGEMENTAL"...



OH MY GOD! "BE THE OBJECT OF MY DESIRE - MARRIAGE - MIND PROF. SWAN, 31 SEESK PERFECT 10, 18-24. I WON'T TAKE NO FOR AN ANSWER."

GOD! THAT'S SO SCARY! MY GREATEST FEAR IS THAT SOME GEEK LIKE THAT WILL FALL IN LOVE WITH ME!



I KNOW. I'D WAY RATHER HAVE SOMEBODY HATE ME!  
OH MAN... "I SAW YOU AT CITIZEN KANE'S GUN. 23.5. YOU LOOKED OVER AND WE EXCHANGED BRIEF, UNFORGETTABLE SMILES. YOU SHINING REDHEAD, BLUE DRESS. ME BEARDED MINDBREAKER! LET'S MEET FOR COFFEE / CONVERSATION."

'BEARDED MINDBREAKER'?



GOD, WHAT A PATHETIC FREAKING LOSER!

WE SHOULD CALL HIM AND PRETEND TO BE THE REDHEAD!

WE HAVE TO!



OH MY GOD, I FORGOT TO TELL YOU ABOUT THIS EPISODE OF "ORLANDO" I SAW YESTERDAY... THIS GIRL WENT OUT ON ONE DATE WITH SOME GEEK SHE BARELY KNEW, JUST TO BE NICE... NO BIG DEAL, RIGHT?



SO LIKE A WEEK LATER HE SHOWS UP AT HER WORK AND HE OPENS UP HIS SHIRT AND HE HAS THIS **HUGE TATTOO** WITH HER NAME AND LIKE HER **YEARBOOK PICTURE** ALL OVER HIS CHEST!



SHE WOUND UP KILLING HIM AND NOW SHE'S IN PRISON!



THAT'S THE CREEPIEST THING I'VE EVER HEARD!

HOW ABOUT IT LADIES... DESSERT? COFFEE?



"DESSERT"? BACK IN THE FIFTIES WE CALLED EM **MINDBENDERS**, DADDY-O!

LISTEN TO WHAT GONG THEY'RE PLAYING!



JB: WHO'S SINGING DOWN TO GIVE ME A RAINBOW? EVERYONE KNOWS IT'S WINDY...

THIS PLACE IS GOD!



... I REMEMBER WHEN I FIRST STARTED READING THESE I THOUGHT "DWF" GOOD FOR "DWARF"... I COULD NEVER FIGURE OUT WHY SO MANY **DWARVES** WERE PLACING ADS...

LEAVE A MESSAGE THIS TIME!



GOD, HE SOUNDS SO GAY!

MAYBE THE REDHEAD IN THE BLUE DRESS IS A GUY!

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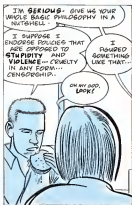


HI DAWLING, IT'S ME-- YOUR REDHEAD FROM CITIZEN KANE'S! I WAS SIMPLY **FLABBER-GASTED** WHEN I SAW YOUR AD AND I'M DYING TO SEE YOU AGAIN! MEET ME AT A RESTAURANT CALLED **HURRA HURRA** IN THE VILLEVIEW PLAZA ON FRIDAY AT THREE O'CLOCK. I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU, DAWLING... **CIAO!**



HA HA HA  
HA HA HA  
HA HA HA













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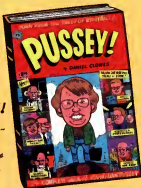
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